(b) the efforts being made to accelarate the expanding of the reserve list after giving wider publicity to the reservation procedure of small scale industry, and

(c) the other measures being taken by the Government to promote and protect small scale industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) (a) and (b) Reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector is a continuous process The Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 meets periodically and considers items to be reserved, to de-reserved and the nomenclature of items to be changed on the basis of proposals placed before it As on date, 836 items are reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector

(c) Policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises were laid in Parliament on 6th August, 1991 These policy measures are intended to promote and protect the interests of small scale sector

Exposure to Biotechnology

2478 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the outcome of the first-ever Science Industry National Consortium on Bio technology held in April, 1990,

(b) whether the Government propose to disseminate of for wider public awareness as a part of involvement of people through education and exposure to bio-technology, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to demystify bio-technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) to (c) It was unanimously agreed by the participants of the April 1990 meeting, comprising Scientists, Biotechnologists, Industrialists Entrepreneurs, representatives from the Financial Institutions and Senior Government Officials to set up a Biotechnology Consortium with the objective of permuting commercialisation of biotechnology based products and services A company jointly promoted by Industrial Development Bank of India and other financial institutions and industries was constituted in September, 1990 by the name of M/s Biotech Consortium India Ltd (BCIL), New Delhi BCIL has taken initiatives to generate wider public awaroness in biotech nology through information services and has started publishing a "News Letter BCIL has been organising and participating in workshops, meetings, industry-university get-together, technology fairs, and various other aspects of biotechnology promotion It has played an important role in creating awareness about the scientific, technological and commercial aspects of biotechnology amongst the R & D Financial and industrial institutions, entrepreneurs and general public Technology, technologists and pat ents directories are being prepared for use of industries

R and D Institutions and Industry

2479 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether there exists any effective linkage between research and development institutions and industry to ensure substan tial progress in industrial marketing in the domestic and international markets